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**SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS
OCTOBER PECAN FORECAST**

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OCTOBER 2005 RESULTS FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

PECANS

Dear Respondent:

*This issue of the **USDA/NASS NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the Pecan October Forecast. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.*

Sincerely,

Dwaine C. Nelson
Director

NEW MEXICO: The first pecan forecast for the 2005 pecan production year as of October 1st, is 62 million pounds, a new record for production in New Mexico. The 2005 forecast shows an increase of 23 million pounds from 2004, an "off" year in the alternate bearing cycle of our trees. Compared to the last "on" year in the cycle, 2005's production is currently expected to be 7 million pounds higher than 2003's 55 million pounds of pecans.

UNITED STATES: The October 1 forecast for 2005 pecan utilized production is 289 million pounds (in-shell basis), up 55 percent from last year's crop and 2 percent above 2003. Improved varieties are expected to produce 232 million pounds or 80 percent of the total, while the Native and seedling varieties, at 57.0 million pounds, make up the remaining 20 percent. The 2005 crop is expected to be larger than last year's, in most producing States, mainly because it is an up year in the alternate bearing pattern typical of pecans. Louisiana and Mississippi are exceptions to the high cycle due to extensive hurricane damage to trees.

All Pecans: Utilized Production 2003-04 and Forecasted October 1, 2005

State	2003	2004	2005
	-----1,000 Pounds-----		
AL	8,000	1,100	3,500
AZ	22,500	14,000	21,000
AR	3,800	1,700	3,000
CA	3,700	3,500	3,900
FL	2,100	500	1,400
GA	75,000	45,000	90,000
KS	2,000	1,800	3,100
LA	20,000	9,000	4,000
MS	7,000	1,000	800
MO ^{1/}	---	---	1,500
NM	55,000	39,000	62,000
NC	2,500	100	2,000
OK	6,000	28,000	20,000
SC	4,500	1,100	2,500
TX	70,000	40,000	70,000
US	282,100	185,800	288,700

^{1/} Estimates began in 2005.